

received no information regarding setting up of a Committee by North East M.P.s to formulate a feasible economic strategy for the area,

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Foreign Funds for NGOs

2537. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received by the NGOs in the country from foreign countries during the last three years, NGO-wise and year-wise; and

(b) whether Government have any mechanism to know the utilisation of such funds received from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) These details are contained in the Annual Report on Receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Copies of the Annual Report upto the year 1997-98 have been placed in the Parliament Library. The report for the year 1998-99 is under compilation. The compilation of the report for 1999-2000 will commence after the report for 1998-99 is finalised.

(b) Yes, Sir. Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, associations which are covered under the Act are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a chartered Accountant to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The monitoring of foreign contribution is done through the returns submitted by such associations.